

ORDINANCE NO. 4535

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF AND WATER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3696 OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA, AND FIXING THE TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT

WHEREAS, the Common Council has caused a rate study of the waterworks to be completed by the firm of H. J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Indianapolis, Indiana ("Rate Study"), and finds, based upon the Rate Study and with the recommendation of the Utility Board, that the rates and charges established pursuant to Ordinance No. 3696 are insufficient to enable the City to properly operate its waterworks plant, provide for depreciation, service its bonds, and finance additions and improvements to its waterworks system; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds, with the recommendation of the Utility Board, that the rates and charges set forth herein are reasonable and just, based upon the aforementioned Rate Study and the cost of providing service to the customers of the waterworks; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Service Board of the City of Connersville, Indiana, has recommended that the following rates and charges be established for water service in said City and to customers otherwise served by the Connersville Water Utility, for such purposes, subject to the approval thereof by the Common Council of the City of Connersville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA:

Section 1. There shall be and there are hereby established for the use of and the service rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Connersville, the following rates and charges, based on the use of the water supplied by said waterworks system:

a)	<u>Metered Usage Per Month</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u>
	First 350 cubic feet	\$2.74
	Next 650 cubic feet	\$2.39
	Next 2000 cubic feet	\$2.09
	Next 3000 cubic feet	\$1.50
	Over 6000 cubic feet	\$1.36

b) Minimum Charges Per Month

Each user shall pay a minimum charge in accordance with the following applicable size meter installed, for which the user will be entitled to the quantity of water set out below:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Cubic Feet Allowed</u>	<u>Minimum Charge Per Month</u>
5/8"	350	\$ 9.60
3/4"	683	\$ 17.55
1"	1,278	\$ 30.94
1 1/4"	2,099	\$ 48.09
1 1/2"	3,164	\$ 69.39
2"	7,058	\$ 126.31
3"	20,884	\$ 314.35
4"	40,360	\$ 579.22
6"	95,663	\$1,331.34
8"	173,535	\$2,390.40

c) Private Fire Protection
Per hydrant

Annual Charge
\$630.00

d) Private Fire Protection
(automatic sprinkler system)

Annual Charge

2" connection or less	\$ 72.00
2 1/2" connection	\$ 112.00
3" connection	\$ 150.00
4" connection	\$ 270.00
6" connection	\$ 630.00
8" connection	\$1,112.00
10" connection	\$1,745.00
12" connection	\$2,523.00

e) Meter Deposit

At the time any prospective customer desiring to obtain water service makes an application for such service, the customer shall deposit the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) with the Water Utility, which shall be retained by the Water Utility until water service is discontinued. At that time, the deposit shall be applied to any unpaid bill or returned to the customer if no unpaid bill is due.

f) Tap Charge

A tap charge shall be collected from each customer prior to connection to the water system. This charge shall be six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for a 5/8 inch to 3/4 inch connection. For larger size connections, the charge shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the City for the labor, material, and overhead necessary for tapping the main, installation of service from the main to the property line (including the curb stop), and the cost of furnishing and installing a suitable water

meter. In no event shall the charge for such connection be less than six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

In the event a line tap is made to the water system of the City by others than the City, a charge for inspection, material, labor and overhead to be determined by the Utilities Superintendent shall be payable by the owner or those making the tap at the time of making the application therefore. The work shall be done only by a licensed, qualified, and insured person or contractor, upon written application and notification to the Utilities Superintendent, and subject to inspection and acceptance by the personnel of the Water Utility.

e) Temporary Users

Water furnished to temporary users, such as contractors, and the like, shall be charged on the basis of the metered rates herein set forth as estimated and established by the Waterworks Manager.

f) Service Charge

A service charge of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be charged by the Utilities Service for any calls after regular working hours for water service.

g) Deferred Payment Charge

All bills for water service not paid on or before the due date thereof, as stated in such bills, shall be subject to the collection of a deferred payment charge of ten percent (10%) on the first three dollars (\$3.00) and three percent (3%) on the excess over three dollars (\$3.00).

h) Reconnection Charge

There shall be a charge for reconnection of service, following its disconnection for non-payment of charges, in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

i) Miscellaneous Charges

Returned Check Charge
Bulk Water

Charge

\$20.00

\$6.51 per 1000 gallons

l) Outside City Rates and Charges

Fire Protection
Surcharge

Charge

\$8.70

25%

Section 2. All ordinances and parts of ordinances, including Ordinance No. 3696, in conflict herewith are repealed; provided, however, the existing schedule of water rates and charges for water services shall remain in full force and effect until the new schedule of rates and charges herein contained shall be passed and approved by the Common Council of the City of Connersville, Indiana.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and its approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONNERSVILLE THIS 1st DAY OF November, 2004.

COMMON COUNCIL

Mark Brockman
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Julie A. Bown
Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Connorsville on the 1st day of November, 2004, at the hour of 7:00 P.M.

Julie A. Bown
Clerk-Treasurer

This ordinance approved and signed by me, the Mayor of the City of Connorsville, on the 1st day of November, 2004, at the hour 7:00 P.M.

Mark Brockman
Mayor